


Between 700,000 and 3 million Jews were killed in the Nazi-occupied territories of the Soviet Union. 1 Within the prewar Soviet borders, the Nazis saw a [End Page 887] particular urgency in rapidly exterminating the Jews, whom they regarded as the mainstay of the Bolshevik regime. The Israeli scholar Mordecai Altmueller has studied 22 ghettos in 5 Soviet cities: in 5 of these ghettos, all the Jews were killed in an average of 23 days following the Nazi occupation; in 9 of the ghettos, within 99 days, and in 8 of them, an average of 295 days. 2 The primary executioners were the Einsatzgruppen, whom the notorious Commissar Orde of 6 June 1941 absolved from any punishment for killing Communists, political commissars, partisans, and collaborators; Jews were included in the latter two groups. From Hitler's point of view, Bolshevism and Judaism were equivalents, since communist ideology was a Jewish weapon for seizing control of the world.

Most of the Jewish victims were machine-gunned in areas near the towns in which they had been rounded up, and some were killed in public before local spectators. Depending on time and locality, the Einsatzgruppen were aided in their grim mission by Wehrmacht units, special police units, Waffen SS brigades, and the local population, whose collaboration was most extensive in the Baltic states, Moldavia, and western Ukraine. The greatest number of executions of Soviet Jews took place from 22 June 1941 until the winter of 1941-42. From the beginning of 1943, when the tide of the war turned, until the Nazis were removed from Soviet
territory in 1944, the numbers declined, although Jews continued to be murdered even as the German army retreated.

Despite the enormous loss of Jewish lives, most Soviet accounts of the Great Patriotic War did not treat the Holocaust as a uniquely Jewish phenomenon. The plight of the Soviet Jews was portrayed as part of a larger trend: the murder by the Germans of...

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